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SUBJECT: KHMER ISSUE: TALK WITH IRANIAN PERM REP

1. I LEANED HARD ON HOVEYDA AT LUNCH NOVEMBER 30 ON KHMER ISSUE. HE SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO ABSTAIN ON ALL ASPECTS AND FIRMULATIONS ON THE ISSUE AND POINTED OUT THAT IRAN DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EITHER SIDE. HE SAID CHINESE REP HUANG HUA HAD BEEN AT HIM AND HAD BEEN "VERY FIRM." I TOLD HOVEYDA USG WAS ALSO VERY FIRM ON KHMER ISSUE. IT WAS A MATTER OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO US AND WE WOULD LIKE TO COUNT ON IRAN'S SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL ROLE IRAN PLAYS AT UN TESE DAYS AND IN LIGHT HIS OWN INFLUENTIAL POSITION. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE TO US SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION. HOVEYDA PROMISED TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT AND REITERATED HIS PROMISE AS WE PARTED.

2. HOVEYDA SAID THERE WAS TALK OF DEFERMENT IN THE AIR. ONCE HE HAD OPENED UP SUBJECT, OUR CONVERSATION TURNED IN THAT DIRECTION. I TOLD HOVEYDA THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE PREFER
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TO HAVE HIS NO VOTE ON RESOLUTION TO SEAT SIHANOUK. IF,

HOWEVER, HE HAD TO ABSTAIN ON THAT, THEN IT SEEMED TO ME THAT A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD NO RELATIONS WITH EITHER KHMER FACTION SHOULD CERTAINLY BE IN FAVOR OF DEFERRING THE ISSUE. I REMINDED HOVEYDA QUESTION OF WHO GETS CONTROL OF CAMBODIA WOULD NOT BE SETTLED HERE IN NEW YORK IN ANY EVENT BUT ON THE GROUND IN CAMBODIA BY THE CONTENDING PARTIES. HOVEYDA AGREED. I WENT ON FURTHER TO COMMENT THAT IT SEEMED STRANGE THAT CERTAIN UN MEMBERS WHO ARE AMONG THE MOST VOCAL IN CRITICIZING AND OPPOSING FOREIGN INTERVENTION INTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES ARE NOW THE LEADER IN WHAT WOULD BE A FLAGRANT INTERVENTION IN THE CASE OF CAMBODIA-THE TRAVESTY IS EVEN GREATER IN THIS EFFORT TO RESTORE TO POWER A MAN WHO HAS PUBLICLY STATED HE PLANS NOT TO RETURN TO PHNOM PENH. HOVEYDA DID NOT DISAGREE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE.

3. HOVEYDA SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH PERM REPS SEN OF INDIA AND ORTIZ DE ROZAS OF ARGENTINA ON SEN'S INITIATIVE (SEN HAD TOLD ME SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF FINDING A COMPROMISE SOLUTION; AND ONCE ACTIVATED, SEN GOES ABOUT HIS MANEUVERS INTENSELY). HOVEYDA SAID THAT THE THREE OF THEM HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF DEFERMENT BUT WERE CONCERNED THAT OPEN ESPOUSAL OF IT WOULD LEAD CHINESE AND THEIR ALLIES TO DIG IN. THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION OF HOVEYDA, SEN AND ORTIZ DE ROZAS WAS THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LET THE DEBATE BEGIN AND RUN FOR A BIT, DESPITE FACT THAT IT WOULD BE HARSH AND FULL OF INVECTIVE. AT THE PROPER TIME APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS COULD GO TO CHINESE AND THEIR ALLIES AND TELL THEM THAT, EVEN IF THEY GOT THE

65 TO 70 VOTES THEY CLAIM (WHICH HOVEYDA DOUBTS), THEY WOULD HAVE UP TO 60 ABSTENTIONS ON THEIR RESOLUTION AND THEIR VICTORY WOULD BE HOLLOW AND MEANINGLESS. UNDER HOVEYDA'S TENTATIVE SCENARIO DEBATE WOULD THEN DRIBBLE OFF WITHOUT ANY VOTE ON RESOLUTION. THERE WOULD BE NO VOTE ON DEFERMENT EITHER, BUT INCONCLUSIVE ENDING WOULD AMOUNT TO DEFERRAL. I QUESTIONED WHETHER CHINESE WOULD BE WILLING TO LET MATTER DIE WITHOUT A VOTE, BUT HOVEYDA ARGUED THAT THREAT OF MASSIVE ABSTENTIONS WOULD BE PERSUASIVE TO THEM. HE HAD ALSO TALKED WITH SWEDISH

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ON MATTER ALTHOUGH RYDBECK HAD TOLD HIM HIS INSTRUCTIONS
WERE FOR STRAIGHT ABSTENTIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF KHMER
QUESTION.

4. COMMENT: REGARDING INFO ABOVE PARA 3, WE RECOMMEND THREE
EMBASSIES NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS THIS WITH HOSTS. FRIENDLY
ASIANS MAY WISH MAKE USE OF SUCH TRILATERAL EFFORT AT LATER

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